

CORC Board Monthly Call
5/8/2020 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Matt Cotton (co-chair), Kelly Schoonmaker, Nick Lapis, Jack Macy, Dan Noble, Kim Scheibly, Will Bakx, Neil Edgar, Deepti Jain, Kimberly Cook, Michele Young, Tracie Bills, Jeanette Hanna, Clark Ajwani, Mary Lindemuth, Karen Stern

Action Items: None

Agenda

Minutes from last call – Attached to meeting invite

Approved without exception.

Old Business

None

New Business

CORC Webinar Delivery of CRRRA Sessions – Supreme Allied Commander Cotton expressed concern that a lot of work on creating timely, needed content would be wasted. Tracie reported that CRRRA is negotiating with hotel, exploring other recent virtual conference experiences, and looking toward creating a virtual conference. More information to come.

COVID-19 Impacts - lengthy discussion by all attendees regarding the unique impacts pandemic response was having on the implementation of solid waste, recycling and composting programs. Deepti reports Sunnyvale SMaRT Station to reopen to public in phases: ewaste and compost giveaway to begin May 11. Clark reports that LA County is still seeing 500 tons of recyclables not being processed; bulky item collection is active; food waste collection programs still underway. Jack: food system disruptions having significant impact on food kitchens and other venues service low-income populations in SF; impacts on adoption of reusable bags/serviceware policy have been immense. Nick: CDC guidelines on restaurant re-opening recommending disposables; CalOSHA guidelines for acceptability of reusable bags at grocers (Michele/Neil: Union and public health officials concerns about worker safety continue to disrupt their use). Dan: ICAW efforts underway, including outreach at Capitol, as allowed under sheltering restrictions. Karen: Davis Street MRF reopening (5/11 – recycling and C&D, 5/18 – organics). Michele: Santa Clara cities have reinstated bulky collection, HHW facilities to remain closed through June; backyard composting classes starting on virtual platform.

Committee Reports

- **Education, Training and Workshops (H. Gans, J. Macy, M. Cotton)**
None
- **Policy and Legislative Issues (N. Lapis, N. Edgar, M. Cotton)**
 - SB 1383 Regulations – Neil/Nick: despite trade magazine articles and other conjecture, SB 1383 regulations continue to be on track, following 30-day public circulation OAL adoption is expected.
 - Rule 13-2 Update – Neil: Rulemaking on Rule 13-2 (Organic Materials Handling) and Rule 13-3 (Composting Operations) have been suspended by the BAAQMD to enable additional data gathering over emissions impacts of various operations and effectiveness of BMPs. Deepti:

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Attended Stationary Source Committee, reported that Sunnyvale would not be able to evaluate emissions at site until operations normalized following COVID impacts.

- Legislative and Budget Activity – Nick: Shared information state officials released on 5/7 showing extensive budget deficit expected over next several years; reported that GGRF and other funding will be diverted away from diversion programs. Discussion among group ensued regarding a number of varying coalition letters recommending suspension/delay of regulations and/or increased funding for recycling and organics diversion programs and waste collection.
- CalRecycle Composting VOC Study – Matt: VOC study RFP underway from CalRecycle, would help better inform organics management rulemaking; questions whether State budget focus will allow for continued funding for project.

- **Communications (M. Lindemuth)**

None

- **New Member Outreach (K. Scheibly)**

None

Next meeting: June 12, 2020, 10:00am - 11:00 am

Potential Topics: none discussed

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